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(GSP) UNDER SECS. 502 (B) (4) AND (6) OF TITLE V OF THE
TRADE ACT OF 1974

REF: (A) STATE 31783, (B) LONDON 1147

- 1. THE EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASE OF NATIONALIZATION OR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE OR ENFORCE AN ARBITRALAWARD WHICH WOULD MAKE A UK DEPENDENT TERRITORY INELIGIBLE FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTIONS 502 (B) (4) AND 502 (B) (6). THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CHECK FURTHER WITH POSTS IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN WHICH THE UK'S DEPENDENT TERRITORIES ARE LOCATED.
- 2. WE NOTE THAT THE LIST OF DEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL A DOES NOT CORRESPOND FULLY WITH THE LIST WHICH HMG SUBMITTED TO US IN JANUARY (REF B). MONTSERRAT WAS OMITTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LIST, DESPITE THE UK'S DESIRE (SEE REF B) TO HAVE IT DESIGNATED AS A BENEFICIARY. BRUNEI, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S LIST, EVEN THOUGH THE BRITISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OMITTED IT FROM THEIR LIST. ACCORDING TO AN FCO

OFFICIAL, BRUNEI WAS OMITTED FROM THE BRITISH GOVERN-MENT'S ORIGINAL REQUEST BECAUSE IT HAS, THANKS TO OIL PRODUCTION, A PER CAPITA GNP THAT IS TOO HIGH TO JUSTIFY BENEFICIARY STATUS.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THE REASONS FOR THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S LIST AND THE ONE THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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